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non-nom. not participate
not mandatory to suggest any-
those qualified. 1035

Elders' Duties to Christ — Christians' Duties to Christ's Elders

Int. Form passed out for YOU to suggest new over-seers for this BODY of Christ. (1)
Form will be collected following the Sw. Ser.
Lesson: To aid you in making your suggestions.

I Elders' Duties to Christ. * I Pet. 5:4. Report!

A. Take Care of Yourselves. ^{Time acct.!} Acts 20:28.
Keep YOUR house in order. ^{Qualified only so} long as do!
I Cor. 9:27.

B. Feed the Flock. (Tend, Rule, Govern.)

1. * Acts 20:28. * I Pet. 5:1-6.

2. Matt. 28:18-20. Vs. 20: Provide Bible Study opportunities. Bible Sched. M.W.S. L.B.C. Tues. Nite Youth Group. Etc.

C. Protect the Church Against Error.

1. Titus 1:9-11. Smart, Spiritual and Subtle enough to sense error.

2. Matt. 5:9. Peace MAKER! not peace KEEPERS when error is being taught.

D. Tend, Rule, Govern, Oversee and Supervise the Church at Work.
Acts 20:28. I Tim. 3:5. I Pet. 5:1-5.

II Christians' Duties to Christ's Elders.

A. Ⓢ I Thess. 5:12-13. Know. Respect them.

B. Ⓢ Heb. 13:7+17. Remember, Follow, & obey them. (In the Lord!) ②

C. Support them. Ⓢ I Tim. 5:17-18.

III Expressed in the Modern Vernacular. (Parables)

A. The Kingdom of God is like unto a Football team. - Game of Life!

1. The Rulebook of Life is the Bible.

2. The Coaches are the Elders.
Teach the players (the members) the rules for the successful life. FEED!

3. The Deacons and Preachers are the Backfield. Make the plays work.
Carry the ball! - mostly.

4. The members are the Linemen.
They follow the Coaches' instructions.
They support the backfield = run interference for them.

5. The Spirit of the Team is Good Sportsmanship. all good sports!
all for one, one for all.

Conclusion: Hope you see clearly what is involved in selecting Elders for God's Church and will make wise recommendations (over) time.

John 13:35.

Inv. Some in this audience will
make the most Imp. decision of
their life - TODAY! This morning.

1. whether to love God more than
anything else in this world!
Matt. 22:37.

2. whether to praise it by obedience
to Christ's wishes for you:
Mk. 16:16. Lk. 13:3. Matt. 10:32.

If subject to the Gospel of
Christ in any way,
are encouraged to
come to the front right
now as sing the

Inv. song.
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